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FOR THE YEAR 2005



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KANEOHE BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL

BY THE

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STATE OF HAWAII

IN RESPONSE TO

SECTION 200D-5, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES
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Kaneohe Bay Regional Council

Annual Report

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Introduction

This annual report is prepared in accordance with Chapter 200D, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), which established the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council (Council). Section 200D-5, HRS provides for annual reporting to the Governor and the Legislature.

As required by law, the Council held public meetings during the year, on January 5, 2005, April 6, 2005, July 6, 2005 and October 5, 2005. Matters of business discussed during these meetings are reflected in the agendas and the minutes for same, copies of which are available through the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR). All meetings were conducted as scheduled but there was no quorum for the January or April meetings.

The Council has seven positions, including representatives from the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board, the Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board, the Fishing Community, the Recreational Boating Community, the Commercial Recreation Operators on the Bay, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) and the University of Hawaii/Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology (UH/HIMB).

Support to the Council

As in prior years, DOBOR provided the Council with administrative support for its meetings.

Summary of Discussions and Actions

During 2005, the Council was guided by Section 200D-3, HRS, which sets forth the powers, duties and functions of the Council. The results of the January and April meetings are not reflected in this Annual Report. This is because it was not until the July meeting that the Council was made aware that the lack of quorum required that a meeting be cancelled. The Council had previously been of the understanding that if there was no quorum, the only relevant issue was that no formal action could be taken by the Council. The following are the significant presentations, discussions and actions taken by the Council in 2005.

1. Informational Presentations:

The following presentations were made at Council meetings:

- a. July 6, 2005 - Presentation by Dave Krupp on the Reef Check Program, which was sponsored by the Coastal Zone Management Branch of the Office of Planning and National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration. This was a presentation on coral reef monitoring.
- b. October 5, 2005 - Presentation by Eric Conklin on Hawaii Coral Reef and Native Algae Restoration. This was a presentation on invasive seaweeds.
- c. October 5, 2005 - Presentation by Ellyn Tong on the merits of Marine Reserves in Hawaii. This was an informational presentation on how marine preserves could benefit the ecosystems and possibly increase fish populations outside of the protected areas.

2. **Concerns and Issues:**

The following concerns and issues were brought up at Council meetings:

- a. **Lack of interest in the Council.** It was evident by the lack of quorum at many meetings, and the lack of participation by the public, that interest in the Council was not very high. The question of the Council's long-term benefit to the community still needs to be addressed.
- b. **Illegal structures, vessels and/or activity along the shores of the bay.** Several community members came to the July meeting and voiced their concerns about illegal structures, vessels and activities along the shore in their neighborhood. The Council voted to ask the DLNR to remove the structure and enforce against all illegal activity.
- c. **Activities at the Sand Bar.** A very large party had occurred at the sand bar during the Labor Day holiday weekend and several fights broke out. The incident prompted the Council and the enforcement agencies to evaluate possible alternatives to mitigate such events and ensure the safety of the public.
- d. **Filling of vacancies on the Council.** While the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board seat was filled during the year (by William Sager), and the Council made recommendations to fill the Recreational Boating and Fishing Representatives seats (Bonnie Kahapea and Hi'ilei Kawelo, respectively), the OHA seat had been vacant all year.

Respectfully submitted,

John Morgan, Chairman
Kaneohe Bay Regional Council